

**TENNESSEE GENERAL ASSEMBLY
FISCAL REVIEW COMMITTEE**



FISCAL NOTE

HB 1584 - SB 1435

March 28, 2011

SUMMARY OF BILL: Requires the Department of Education to develop an alternative state standardized test designed for students who have disabilities less severe than those eligible for testing with the TCAP-Alt test and more severe than those eligible for testing with the TCAP-MAAS. Requires DOE to evaluate other states' alternative testing for these students when developing the test. The test shall be ready for use in the 2012-2013 school year.

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:

**Increase State Expenditures - \$1,246,500/One-Time
\$1,807,800/Recurring**

Assumptions:

- Using the current TCAP-MAAS contract pricing which includes test development, item banks, annual refreshing of test materials, and printing and scoring of tests, DOE estimates that the one-time increase in state expenditures to develop a new test will be \$1,246,481 and a recurring increase in state expenditures of \$1,807,809.
- According to DOE, the recurring amount is the actual total for the FY10-11 test year for one test and the one time amount is the difference between the FY09-10 test year and the FY10-11 test year. The test development contract contains hundreds of line items and DOE did not itemize these costs for the purposes of their support form expenditure totals.

CERTIFICATION:

The information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

A handwritten signature in blue ink, reading "James W. White".

James W. White, Executive Director

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